


WAREHAM AND PURBECK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1960



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FOREWORD

Public Health Office
Health Centre,
Swanage.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wareham and Purbeck
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District for the year 1960.

The estimated population for mid 1960 shows an increase of 140. The number of births were 4 fewer and the number of deaths were 3 fewer than in 1959. The number of births registered exceeded deaths by 194.

The vital statistics for the district generally, compare very favourably with those for the country as a whole.

Relatively few cases of notifiable infectious disease occurred in the district. All cases of scarlet fever, whooping cough and measles were of a mild character.

Undoubtedly, improved sanitation and housing are the pressing needs of the Rural District, and it would be a grievous setback if the Council's proposed schemes for the sewerage of the villages and for the building of more houses, particularly the houses for old people with welfare facilities, are to be affected by the Government's measures of financial stringency.

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I wish to thank the Members of the Council for their courtesy and consideration, and the Clerk and other Officers of the Council for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

In addition I would like to thank your Public Health Inspector, Mr. Grant, for his assistance in preparing this report, and Mr. Leonard your Engineer and Surveyor for his notes on the engineering aspect of water supply and sewerage.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. J. O'KEEFFE

Medical Officer of Health

August, 1961.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the Rural District	95,954 acres
Population	at Census 1951	... 19,307
	as estimated by Registrar General	mid 1959	...	21,100
	" " " " " "	mid 1960	...	21,240
Number of inhabited houses	...	at end of 1959	...	5,713
		" " " 1960	...	5,877
Rateable value at 1st. April, 1960	...	...	...	£206,451
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1959/1960	...	...	...	£821.14.4d.

VITAL STATISTICS

Area comparability factors:			Births 1.07	Deaths 1.21			
					<u>Comparative Rates</u>		
<u>Live Births</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Wareham R.D.</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Total registered			...	...	386	193	193
Legitimate			...	...	367	181	186
Illegitimate			...	...	19	12	7
Rate per 1000 population 18.2						19.5	17.1
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births					...	4.9	
<u>Still Births</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Total registered			...	...	7	4	3
Legitimate			...	...	7	4	3
Illegitimate			...	...	-	-	-
Rate per 1000 total live and still births			...			...	17.8 19.7
<u>Total Live and Still Births</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Total registered			...	...	393	197	196
<u>Deaths</u>							
Total registered			...	...	192	106	86
Rate per 1000 population 9.0						10.9	11.5
<u>Infant deaths (under 1 year)</u>							
Total registered			...	...	5	1	4
Legitimate			...	...	4	-	4
Illegitimate			...	...	1	1	-
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>							
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births						...	12.9 21.7
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births						...	13.6
Illegitimate" " " " Illegitimate " "						...	52.6
<u>Infant deaths (under 4 weeks)</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Total registered			...	...	3	1	2
Legitimate			...	...	2	-	2
Illegitimate			...	...	1	1	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births						...	7.8
<u>Infant deaths (under 1 week)</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Total registered			...	...	2	1	1
Legitimate			...	...	1	-	1
Illegitimate			...	...	1	1	-
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births						...	5.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live & still births)						...	22.9
<u>Maternal Mortality (including abortion)</u>							
Number of deaths			...	...	...	Nil	
Rate per 1000 total live and still births			...	...	...	Nil	

CAUSES OF DEATH - YEAR 1960

(Supplied by the Registrar General)

Cause of Death					Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...		1	-	1
2	Tuberculosis, other forms	...	...		-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	...	...	...	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	...	...	...	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	-	1	1
7	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-	-	-
8	Measles	...	...	...	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	2	1	3
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	5	-	5
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	-	4	4
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	12	13	25
15	Leukemia, aleukemia	...	...	...	1	1	2
16	Diabetes	...	...	...	1	2	3
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	15	16	31
18	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	25	10	35
19	Hypertension with heart diseases	...	...	...	2	-	2
20	Other heart diseases	...	...	...	10	13	23
21	Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	4	1	5
22	Influenza	...	...	...	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	...	...	...	2	3	5
24	Bronchitis	...	...	...	5	2	7
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	3	1	4
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	1	-	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	1	-	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	2	2	4
32	Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	4	14	18
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	5	-	5
34	All other accidents	...	...	...	4	2	6
35	Suicide	...	...	...	1	-	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	-	-	-
Total					106	86	192

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Council's water undertakings passed from their control to the newly formed Poole and East Dorset Water Board on 1st. April, 1960.

Work proceeded on the Wool water supply scheme under the District Council's contract on behalf of the Board, and the following particulars which have been supplied by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor gives the progress of the work since the last report.

The trunk main passing Burton Ford has been extended in 9" diameter to supply a quarter million gallon reservoir under construction at Maggott Hill. From this 9" rising main a 6" diameter branch was taken from Burton Cross to supply the small existing reservoir at Winfrith Newburgh. This came into operation at the end of July 1960, and use of the local borehole at East Knighton was then discontinued. While these rising mains were being constructed it was convenient to lay the main distribution feeder from Maggott Hill. This was laid in 9" diameter to Burton Cross and 6" diameter from there to Burton Ford.

Altogether the work involved the laying of 2,200 yds. of 9" mains, 3,260 yds. of 6" and 80 yds. of 3" mains. Certain properties on the route of these mains were afforded a water service. The reservoir at Maggott Hill is now 90% complete and distribution mains throughout the village of Wool are 15% complete. This work has entailed two crossings of the main railway by thrust boring.

The Water Board's proposals for future works in the district are such that the following further areas in the district would have an adequate piped water supply from the Board's mains - Moreton village by 31st. March, 1962; Studland village by 31st. March, 1964; Worth Matravers village, East Creech and Furzebrook by 31st. March, 1965.

Public Piped Supplies

The following areas of the district have a piped water supply from the Poole and East Dorset Water Board's mains - Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster and Upton, Bloxworth, Morden, Holton Heath, Organford, Sandford, Bere Regis, Affpuddle, Turners Puddle, Bovington Camp, Winfrith, Bestwall, Worgret, Carey Estate, Cold Harbour, Stoborough and Ridge, Corfe Castle, Langton Matravers, Acton, Harmans Cross, Church Knowle.

The following areas are supplied from the Lulworth Castle Estate supply - West Lulworth, East Lulworth, Coombe Keynes.

Privately Owned Village Supplies

Chaldon Herring has a standpipe supply from Lulworth Castle Estate and the water bacteriologically is highly satisfactory.

Kingston, Kimmeridge and Wool village have small piped gravity supplies from surface springs. The water, with the exception of the Kingston supply which is chlorinated, is untreated and the results of bacteriological examination of samples taken from these small supplies are variable.

Studland village supply is derived from surface water collected on neighbouring heathland areas. The water is sand filtered and give consistent highly satisfactory results. The quantity of water available is very limited and shortage is experienced during summer months.

There has been no major alteration to the source of supply in these areas during the year.

Particulars supplied by the Poole & East Dorset Water Board.

I am indebted to the Board's Engineer and Manager for the following information with regard to the water supply -

The Southern district comprises the Urban District of Swanage, the Borough of Wareham and the Rural District of Wareham and Purbeck. The water supplied by the Board derived from wells and boreholes at Briantspuddle, Worgret, Bloxworth, Corfe Castle, Ulwell and Churchknowle and during the first nine months of

operation i.e. 1st. April to 31st. December, 1960 the Board abstracted the following quantities from these sources:-

<u>Source</u>	<u>Volume of water into Supply</u>
Briantspuddle	123,659,000 gallons
Worgret	59,599,000 gallons
Bloxworth	7,310,000 gallons
Corfe Castle	90,931,000 gallons
Ullwell	24,252,000 gallons pumped supply
"	22,038,000 gallons gravity supply
"	46,290,000 gallons total
Church Knowle	1,015,000 gallons

The water was maintained at a satisfactory standard of purity and was sufficient to meet all demands.

All supplies are chlorinated and regular estimation of residual chlorine were made on samples taken at pumping stations and from consumers taps.

Regular bacteriological examinations of both distributed and raw waters were made in the Board's Laboratory giving the following results:-

Distributed Water

<u>Source</u>	<u>Total Number of Samples</u>	<u>M.O.H. Classification (Report 71)</u>			
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Briantspuddle	12	12	-	-	-
Worgret	16	16	-	-	-
Bloxworth	5	4	-	1	-
Corfe Castle	28	19	4	4	1
Ullwell	20	20	-	-	-
Church Knowle	6	6	-	-	-

Raw Water

<u>Source</u>	<u>Total Number Of Samples</u>	<u>M.O.H. Classification (Report 71)</u>				<u>Max.PC at 37° C.</u>	<u>Coli I Demonstrated</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>		
Briantspuddle	6	2	4	-	-	3	0
Worgret	14	7	4	1	2	48	1
Bloxworth	1	1	-	-	-	0	0
Corfe Castle	21	10	1	2	8	250	2
Ullwell	13	8	3	1	1	500	0
Church Knowle	7	4	1	2	-	19	0

Chemical analysis of the raw water from each source was carried out. Only the raw water from the Worgret source has any plumbo-solvency. This is corrected during the iron removal treatment continuously applied at the source.

Fluorine was present in the Briantspuddle water 0.09 m.g. per litre, and in the Corfe Castle water 0.05 m.g. per litre.

Radioactivity was not detected in the Worgret water. Briantspuddle water showed a total B-activity 0.26×10^{-8} microcuries per millilitre.

Bacteriological Examinations of Water Supplies

In addition to the samples of water taken by the Water Board, the following samples were taken during the year:-

Public Mains Supplies

A total of 23 samples were taken and all gave satisfactory results - (Class I of Ministry of Health Report 71)

Private Estate Supplies

A total of 22 samples were taken, 11 were satisfactory, 4 were suspicious and 7 unsatisfactory.

Private Wells

A total of 54 samples were taken for examination, 20 were reported as satisfactory, 7 as suspicious and 27 as unsatisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

It had been expected that with the coming of piped water supply to the villages in the district the problem of sewage disposal would become somewhat of a problem, and complaints of nuisance due to overflowing cesspools and polluted streams and ditches were likely to increase especially in those villages where there had been building development in recent years.

These expectations have been fulfilled and as a result the Council's Public Health Inspectors have been much occupied dealing with nuisances arising from sewage effluents, and there is an increasing demand from the parishes for main sewerage schemes for the villages.

The Council have long appreciated the need for main sewerage schemes, but were unable to make any progress until they were recently relieved of their obligations in connection with the comprehensive water supply scheme for the district. The Council have already made a start on their proposals for the sewerage of principal villages and by the end of the year the Upton and Wool schemes were well on the way to completion.

Sewerage Schemes

Upton

This scheme is due to be completed in April 1961, the Contractor having been given six weeks extension of time for completion because of exceptionally bad weather conditions.

The new sewage disposal works was taken over in June, and the analyses of effluent have so far been very satisfactory. Up to the end of the year about 7,000 yards of sewer had been laid representing 83% of the contract figure, and some 4,000 yards, or 47% of the contract figure connected and in use. Of the 286 properties to which sewers were available some 116 had been connected by 31st. December.

Wool

The sewage disposal works commenced treatment of the 'non active' effluent from the A.E.E. Winfrith Heath on 19th. August, and the effluent analyses have been quite satisfactory to date.

Great difficulty has been experienced in laying the sewers in the East Burton, Burton Lane and Burton Road areas, the water table being at almost ground level and a considerable amount of running sand having been encountered. About 20% of the sewers have been laid, the rising main from Wool to the sewage disposal works on Burton Common is laid and about 80% of the concrete to the wet and dry wells at the East Burton pumping station is completed. The sewers have been laid by a thrust-boring technique beneath the railway at Wool Police Station and East Burton level crossing.

Langton Matravers

An extension of the sewers to include Arundel Terrace and Tom's Field was completed on 28th. December.

Sandford

The present works and pumping equipment are working at full capacity.

A joint scheme for a new Sewage Disposal Works to treat the sewage from both Wareham Borough and Wareham St. Martin is being prepared.

Proposed Sewerage Schemes

Corfe Castle

A sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is being prepared for the village of Corfe Castle and should be ready to submit to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1961.

Other Villages

It is considered that all villages with a piped main water supply should be sewerage at the earliest possible time.

Number of Houses Connected to Public Sewers and Number of Cesspools Abolished during the Year.

Parish	Number of Connections to Sewer	Number of Cesspools abolished
Langton Matravers	7	5
Wareham St. Martin		
(a) Sandford	34	Nil
(b) Bestwall	Nil	"
West Lulworth	"	"
Briantspuddle	"	"
Lytchett Minster (Upton)	300	171

Public Sewerage Systems

1 Parish	2 Locality	3 No. of houses connected to sewer	4 No. of houses within 100' which could be connected to sewer	5 Total houses in parish	6 Percent Col. 4 connected to sewer	7 Percent Col. 5 connected to sewer
Langton Matravers	Village	149	234	355	63.2	41.9
Wareham St. Martin	Sandford	274	280	494	97.8	55.4
	Bestwall				100.0	100.0
Affpuddle	Briantspuddle	54	65	120	83.0	45.0
West Lulworth	Village	151	154	212	97.0	71.0
Lytchett Minster	Upton	300	739	950	40.6	31.5

Remarks:

The West Lulworth sewage which is untreated is discharged into the sea in deep water to the west of Lulworth Cove. Sandford sewage is treated by sedimentation, sludge drying and effluent filtration; the effluent is discharged into the River Piddle. Bestwall sewage is discharged untreated into the adjoining Wareham Borough sewer. Langton Matravers sewage is discharged untreated into the Swanage Urban District Council's sewerage system. Briantspuddle sewage is treated by sedimentation, sludge drying and effluent filtration; the effluent ultimately reaches the River Piddle. Upton sewage is treated by sedimentation, sludge drying and effluent filtration; the effluent is discharged into Lytchett Bay.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

House Refuse

A fortnightly collection has been maintained and a new 26 cu.yd. vehicle was put into service in May. Despite this a considerable amount of overtime has to worked by the crews.

Refuse Disposal

The tip at Gallows Hill, a disused sand and gravel pit, is still used and the southern aspect has been fenced with a 6'0" high chain link fence to prevent waste paper, etc. blowing across the County highway.

Attempts have been made to secure other tips within the area. At Upton, the owners of an old clay pit have given consent for its use as a refuse tip, planning approval has also been obtained and this pit will be used when a suitable road and pit face have been prepared.

So far, no suitable tip has been found in the Corfe Castle area and this is urgently required to save the long hauls to Gallows Hill, particularly during the summer months when the road traffic is heavy in that area.

These additional pits are vital if a weekly service is to be economically

established. The Council will be considering this matter again in July 1961.

Litter Baskets

Forty-nine litter baskets have been installed at suitable points throughout the District. There has been favourable comment from the public regarding the provision of these baskets.

Cesspool Emptying Service

The demand for this service has been greater than ever, even with 2 tankers in operation it has been difficult, without considerable overtime, to maintain an efficient service. However, this is beginning to ease with the advent of main drainage at Upton and next year some properties in Wool may be connected.

Again difficulty has been experienced in finding suitable tips - most people seem reluctant to have sludge placed on their land - this problem at Upton has been alleviated since June by the tankers taking their loads to the new disposal works.

ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT, WINFRITH

Liaison

The Council is represented on the Liaison Committee which was set up in 1959, to deal with the public, health, safety and relations aspect of this Establishment.

Disposal of Radioactive Wastes

Disposal of radioactive waste from this Establishment began in March. The waste is conveyed by pipe line to Arish Mell from where the pipe line extends two miles out to sea.

The Council have received no complaints regarding the Establishment or the disposal of radioactive wastes.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Summary of the Public Health Inspectors' Work for the Year 1960

Total Number of Inspections and Visits

Complaints and Nuisances

Investigated ...	...	...	...	79
Visits ...	...	...	...	83

Housing

Housing Acts

Number of houses inspected for defects	...	...	123
Visits for such purposes	...	...	125
Houses requiring repair	...	...	22
Houses overcrowded	...	...	14
Revisits	...	...	5

Public Health Acts

Number of houses inspected	...	...	69
Number of houses requiring repair	...	...	29
Visits	...	...	74

Drainage

Inspection of cesspools, septic tanks, etc.	...	...	537
Drains reconstructed or repaired	...	...	3
Drains tested	...	...	273
Cesspool drainage connected to sewer	...	...	176
Effluents sampled	...	...	3

Water samples

Visits	...	...	84
Samples	...	...	99

Registered and Other Premises

Moveable dwellings	...	...	79
Schools	...	...	14
Public premises (Cinemas, Lavatories, etc.)	...	...	8
Piggeries and stables	...	...	4
Factories	...	...	31

Infectious and Other Diseases

Number of houses visited	...	...	21
Visits	...	...	21
Disinfections carried out	...	...	7
Bedding and clothing disinfected	...	...	3

Verminous Premises

Number of houses visited	...	...	7
Number of visits	...	...	7
Disinfestations	...	...	7
Bedding and other clothing disinfected	...	...	3

Food

Visits

Food Premises - Stores, Shops, Stalls, etc.	...	...	99
Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops	...	...	540
Bakehouses	...	...	17
Dairies, Milkshops	...	...	4

Food Sampling

Milk Samples	134
Ice Cream	73

Diseases of Animals

Number of visits	Nil
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Abatement of Nuisances - Public Health Acts.

Nuisances investigated	79
Informal notices served	31
Statutory Notices served	...	...	3
Number of Nuisances abated after (a) Informal action	...	...	26
(b) Statutory action	...	...	-
Number of Informal Notices outstanding 31.12.60	...	...	3
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding 31.12.60	...	...	1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

All milk sold by retail in the district is either pasteurised, tuberculin tested pasteurised or tuberculin tested, as the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District is part of a specified area under Section 37 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Number of Milk Distributors on Register 31.12.60	...	...	17
Number of Dairy Premises on Register 31.12.60	...	...	2
Visits made to dairies during the year	...	...	4
Number of Notices served on owners with respect to dairies	...	...	Nil
Number of notices complied with	...	...	Nil

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1949 - 1953

The following licences granted by this Local Authority were in force at the end of the year -

Number of Dealers' Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	10
Number of Dealers' Licences for Pasteurised Milk	...	20
Number of Supplementary Licences to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	6	
Number of Supplementary Licences to sell Pasteurised Milk	...	8

These Regulations have been replaced by the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1960, which in so far as they relate to Dealers' Licences come into force on 1st. January, 1961.

Milk Sampling

The following are particulars of the 134 samples of milk taken in the district by the Food and Drugs Authority. Copies of the reports on all samples are sent to the District Medical Officer of Health -

Designation	No. of Samples	Results of Tests			
		Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	72	72	-	72	-
Tuberculin tested	46	35	11		
Pasteurised T.T.	16	16	-	16	-

Ice Cream

During the year there were 3 new registrations for the sale of ice-cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. This brings the total number of premises on the register to 112.

73 samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Methylene Blue Reductase test with the following results -

<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Provisional Grades</u>
69	Grade 1
2	" 2
2	" 3
Nil	" 4

Meat and Other Foods

The three slaughterhouses originally licensed by the Council in 1954 have continued in use throughout the year. They are:-

- (1) Parkstone & Bournemouth Co-Operative Society Slaughterhouse, Upton.
- (2) J. W. Moss, latterly G. H. Stevens, West Street, Corfe Castle.
- (3) T. E. Applin & Sons, 85, West Street, Bere Regis.

Once again I am able to report that a 100% meat inspection service has been maintained throughout the year, 540 inspections having been paid. The following table indicates the details of carcasses inspected.

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
No. of animals killed	607	1096	1097	3263	7525
No. of carcasses inspected	607	1096	1097	3263	7525
<u>All diseases except T.B.</u>					
Carcasses condemned	-	6	6	3	15
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	75	343	6	454	1845
Percentage	12.3	31.7	1.0	14.0	24.7
<u>T.B. only</u>					
Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	4	2	-	-	16
Percentage	0.6	0.1	-	-	0.2

Total weight of meat and offal condemned, 7 tons, 1 cwt. 1 qtr. 13 lbs.

In addition some 6 carcasses were found to be infected with Cysticerous Bovis. The infected organs were condemned and the carcasses detained in freeze for 21 days. This gives an incidence of 0.3%

Knackers Yards

The two knackers yards in the district were regularly inspected and conditions in both were found to be satisfactory throughout the year.

Watercress

Watercress is grown extensively in the district in specially constructed and controlled beds. During the year periodic inspections and sampling of the water and watercress for bacteriological examination was continued. The results while on the whole satisfactory were variable, and as mentioned in previous reports tend to confirm that the use of B. Coli counts as a standard for watercress is unsatisfactory.

Food Premises

(1) Number of Food Premises by Type of Business in the District

Grocery and General Provisions	63	Green Groceries	6
Sweets - Confectioners	12	Bakehouses	7
Fried Fish Shops	3	Butchers' Shops	8
Hotels and Public Houses	31	Slaughterhouses	3
Cafes and Restaurants	30		

One bakehouse in the district had so deteriorated in structure that as a result of informal action the premises were disused and an entirely new bakery built.

(2) Number of Food Premises by Type Registered

(a) Under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act 1955

Manufacture of sausages etc.	6
Fish Frying	3
Sale of Ice cream	112

(b) Under Milk and Dairies Regulations

Dairy Premises	2
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(3) Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises

Premises for manufacture of sausages	14
Fish Frying premises	8
Ice cream	73
Dairy	4

HOUSING

The statistics of the Rural Housing Survey completed in 1956, are tabulated below in an amended form after making allowance for the construction of new houses, the demolition of unfit houses and re-categorisation of others following improvement grants.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Cat. 1</u>	<u>Cat. 2</u>	<u>Cat. 3</u>	<u>Cat. 4</u>	<u>Cat. 5</u>
5469	2496	618	811	1127	417

A moderate policy for the demolition of unfit properties or slum clearance has been pursued with the result that 6 demolition orders or undertakings have either been made or accepted.

The number of applications for improvement grants decreased slightly from the previous year's total, and during the year some 35 applications for grant were approved.

There is still no shortage of families in urgent need of rehousing. This is especially true in the case of the parishes of Wareham St. Martin, Wool and Lytchett Minster. The increase of applicants for the district as a whole was 49.

Housing Inspections

(1) Inspections of Dwelling Houses during the year

(i) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under both Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	202
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	208
(ii) (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (i) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regs. 1925-32	...	5
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	5
(iii)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous as to be prejudicial to health and unfit for habitation	...	6
(iv)	Number of dwelling houses (inclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects fit for habitation	...	57

(2) Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice

	Number of defective premises rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority	...	45
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(3) Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Secs. 9 and 16 Housing Act 1936, and Secs. 9 Housing Act, 1957

(i)	Number of houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices		
	(a) by owners	...	Nil
	(b) by Local Authority	...	Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(i)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	28
(ii)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by service of Formal Notices		
	(a) by owners	...	25
	(b) by Local Authority	...	Nil

(c) Proceedings under Secs. 11 and 13, Housing Act 1936, and Secs. 16, 17 and 18, Housing Act 1957

(i) (a)	Demolition Orders made	...	2
(b)	Undertakings not to use for human habitation until rendered fit - accepted	...	4

(ii)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	2
(d)	<u>Proceedings under Sec. 12 Housing Act 1936, and Sec. 18 Housing Act 1957</u>					
(i)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	...				Nil
(ii)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined the tenement or underground room having been made fit					Nil
(4)	<u>Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1958 Sec. 30 - Improvement Grants (Discretionary)</u>					
	Number of enquiries received during 1960	...	...			112
	Number of applications previously approved but completed in 1960					31
	Number of separate dwellings provided	...	...	...		32
	Number of applications submitted during 1960	...	...			36
	Number of dwellings concerned	...	...	...		41
	Number of applications approved	...	...	...		35
	Number of dwellings concerned	...	...	...		40
	Number of applications refused	...	...	...		1
	Number of schemes completed during 1960	...	...	...		8
	Number of dwellings concerned	...	...	...		8
	Number of schemes under construction at 31.12.60	...	...			17
	Number of applications approved but not yet started			...		11
	Number of dwellings concerned	...	...	...		8
	Number of applications withdrawn	...	...	...		1
(5)	<u>House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Improvement Grants (Standard)</u>					
	Number of applications for Standard Grant received		...			19
	Number of applications for Standard Grant approved		...			19
	Number of applications completed	...	...	...		6
	Number of applications started but not yet completed		...			10
(6)	<u>New Houses</u>					
	Total number of new houses erected during 1960					
(a)	Permanent	...	...	...	...	156
(b)	Prefabricated	...	...	...	...	3
(c)	Temporary	...	...	...	...	Nil
	Number erected during 1960 with State assistance					
(a)	by Local Authority					
(i)	Permanent	...	...	...	...	30
(ii)	Prefabricated	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	by other Bodies or Persons	...	...	...		Nil
	Number of permanent houses erected during 1960 by Private Enterprise	...	...	...		129
	Number of temporary dwellings erected	...	...	...		Nil
	Number of houses owned by the Local Authority	...	...			970

Control of Moveable Dwellings

During the year, a new Act, the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, came into force bringing wider measures of control to both the Local Planning Authority and Local Authority and requiring closer liaison between the two Authorities on the issue of "joint" licences thereby removing the anomaly which hitherto had existed of a licence being granted under the Public Health Act but refused under the Planning Acts. Considerably increased powers have been given to the Local Authority to require the provision of roads, footpaths, drainage, sanitation, water supply and bathing and laundry facilities.

The Act further provides for a new system of licensing for both existing and new sites. At the end of 1959, there were in force licences for 39 sites and 97 individual caravans. At the end of 1960 two previously licensed sites had been re-licensed in accordance with the new Act.

Old Peoples' Dwellings

The Council have agreed to the sketch plans for a scheme at their Sandford Housing Estate on a site at present being cleared of temporary pre-fabricated bungalows, which provide for Warden's quarters, a common room and 12 units of accommodation consisting of 4 bed-sitting rooms, 5 one-bedroom and 3 two-bedroom dwellings.

In addition to providing the requisite structural welfare facilities in the houses, the Council will be responsible for a Warden's services. An appropriate contribution for each dwelling will be made by the County Council under their scheme for the provision of Welfare Facilities by Local Housing Authorities.

HOUSING PROGRESS - 1960

Parish	Houses completed 1960	Total houses owned 31.12.60	In course of construction at end of 1960	Proposed houses 1961	No. of applicants on housing list 31.12.60
Affpuddle	-	7	-	4	3
Arne	-	48	-	-	18
Bere Regis	-	78	-	-	18
Bloxworth	-	8	-	-	2
Chaldon Herring	-	8	-	-	1
Church Knowle	-	6	-	-	1
Coombe Keynes	-	6	-	-	-
Corfe Castle	4	62	-	-	23
East Holme	-	-	-	-	-
East Lulworth	-	6	-	-	-
East Stoke	-	10	-	-	4
Kimmeridge	-	-	-	-	-
Langton Matravers	-	44	-	2	16
Lytchett Matravers	-	92	-	-	16
Lytchett Minster *	-	138(6)	6	9	60
Morden	-	22	-	-	4
Moreton	-	6	-	-	4
Steeple	-	4	-	-	-
Studland	-	42	-	-	8
Turners Puddle	-	-	-	-	-
Tyneham	Military Training Area				
Wareham St. Martin	14	105(35)	22(P.R)	14(P.R)	79
West Lulworth	-	22	-	2	15
Winfrith Newburgh	-	32	-	4	11
Wool	10	76	10	4	75
-do- (Bovington)	2	142	8	14	68
Worth Matravers	-	6	-	-	4
	30	970(41)	46	53	430 ø

* 40 B.D.H. dwellings subsidised by the Government NOT included.

Figures in brackets () indicate temporary prefabricated bungalows included in totals

P.R indicates prefab. replacements

ø includes approximately 47 transfer applications.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The number of cases of notifiable infectious diseases occurring in the district during the year were relatively few. No cases of diphtheria or acute poliomyelitis were notified. Deaths due to notifiable diseases were respiratory tuberculosis one, meningococcal infection one, pneumonia five. There were no deaths from influenza, which is not a notifiable disease, compared with eight in 1959.

Scarlet Fever:

Eighteen cases were notified compared with twenty-three in the previous year. In no case was the disease so severe as to require hospital treatment.

Whooping cough:

The number of cases notified, nine, is the same as in 1959; no case was admitted to hospital.

The effects of the campaign for the immunisation of infants against this disease is now evident in the marked fall in the incidence of the disease, and its reduced severity. All cases were treated at home.

Measles:

Forty-four cases were notified in 1960, following a year in which the disease was epidemic when three-hundred and fifteen cases were notified. The disease remains relatively mild and no case required hospital treatment.

Tuberculosis:

Nine new cases of respiratory tuberculosis and two cases of other forms of tuberculosis were notified compared with seven in the previous year.

Dysentery:

The nine cases notified during the year occurred in different parts of the district and were not part of a separate outbreak. All cases were due to Sh. Sonnei.

Food Poisoning:

Three cases of food poisoning were notified in July, in school children all of the same family. *Salmonella typhi* murium was isolated from the faeces of all three cases. No other case or suspected cases could be traced in the district, and specimens of faeces from four others in the family gave negative results. Investigations failed to discover the vehicle of infection or how the infection arose. It was suspected that the first case in a boy who was attending a school in another district might have brought the infection home, but enquiries failed to disclose any suspected cases in that district. A single case of food poisoning was notified during the month of December, in which *staphylococcus* was isolated from the faeces. It was not possible to trace the origin of infection or contamination of the food, but this probably occurred in the home.

Immunisation:

Schemes for immunisation are administered in the area by the County Council as the Local Health Authority. Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis is carried out at the Infant Welfare Centres and by the family doctors.

Immunisation against smallpox is carried out by the family doctors.

Immunisation with B.C.G. of the older age group children is carried out at schools in the area by the medical officers of the Local Health Authority.

In the case of immunisation against poliomyelitis, special sessions at schools and evening sessions are arranged when necessary.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

The scheme for immunisation against poliomyelitis was expanded to include all ages up to 40 years, and also to provide for a third dose of vaccine not less than seven months after the second injection.

In addition, priority groups include medical practitioners and families, ambulance workers, expectant mothers and nurses.

Vaccination and Immunisation Statistics Wareham R.D. 1960

(P) Primary dose (B) Booster dose

B.C.G.	Poliomyelitis		Diphtheria		Whooping cough		Tetanus		Smallpox	
	P	B	P	B	P	B	P	B	P	B
104	1664	1679	337	455	329	56	339	134	167	150

Infectious Disease Notification (Corrected) Figures

Disease	1st Qtr.	2nd. Qtr.	3rd. Qtr.	4th. Qtr.	Total	Admitted to Hospital
Scarlet fever	8	3	2	5	18	-
Whooping cough	1	2	5	1	19	-
Measles	27	15	-	2	44	-
Tuberculosis - respiratory	3	2	2	2	9	5
" - other forms	-	1	1	-	2	2
Dysentery	5	3	1	-	9	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	3	1	4	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	1	-	1	1

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1960

Disease	Total	Age Groups									
		Under 1	1 -	2 -	3 -	4 -	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 & Ov	A.U.
Scarlet fever	18	-	1	-	2	-	11	2	1	1	-
Whooping cough	9	1	1	-	1	-	2	2	-	2	-
Measles	44	1	3	4	6	1	24	4	1	-	-
Dysentery	9	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	3	-
Food Poisoning	4	Under 5	5 - 14		15 - 44		45 - 64	65 & Ov.		A.U.	
		-	2		2		-	-		-	
Tuberculosis - respiratory	9	Under 5	5 - 14		15 - 24		25 - 44	45 - 64	65 & Ov.		A.U.
		-	-		1		5	2	1		-
" - other forms	2	-	-		-		1	-	1		-

Scabies and Verminous Conditions

There were no cases of scabies or of verminous conditions reported during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47. Removal of Persons in Need of Care and Attention to Suitable Premises.

It was not found necessary to take formal action under this section of the Act during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Part 1 of the Act

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		In-spections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	9	1	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	58	11	3	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding out-workers' premises)	49	11	6	Nil
Total	119	31	10	Nil

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Re-medied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	9	9	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total ...	10	10	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of Out-workers in August List reqd. by Sec 110(1)(e)	No. of cases of de-fault in sending lists to Council	No. of Pro-secutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of in-stances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Pro-secu-tions
Wearing apparel (making etc. cleaning & washing)	5	-	-	-	-	-
Other work	.... Nil					

